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**ART. III.** All persons desirous of promoting peace on earth and goodwill towards men may become members of this society.

**ART. IV.** Every annual member of the Society shall pay a yearly contribution of one dollar; the payment of five dollars a year shall constitute one a sustaining member; the payment of twenty-five dollars at one time shall constitute any person a life member.

**ART. V.** Branch Societies shall be formed on the following basis: The members of the Branch Societies shall be members of the American Peace Society. The membership fee in Branch Societies shall be one dollar a year. One-half of the membership fee in the Branch Societies shall be paid to the American Peace Society, in return for which the ADVOCATE OF PEACE shall be furnished to the members of the Branch Societies.

**ART. VI.** The Presidents of the State Branch Societies shall be *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents of the American Peace Society.

**ART. VII.** The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor and a Board of Directors, consisting of not more than twenty members of the Society, including the President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board. All Officers shall hold their offices until their successors are appointed, and the Board of Directors shall have power to fill vacancies in any office of the Society. There shall be an Executive Committee of seven, consisting of the President, Secretary and five Directors to be chosen by the Board, which Committee shall, subject to the Board of Directors, have the entire control of the executive and financial affairs of the Society. Meetings of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may be called by the President, the Secretary, or two members of such body. The Society or the Board of Directors may invite persons of well-known legal ability to act as Honorary Counsel.

**ART. VIII.** The Society shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the Board of Directors may appoint, to receive their own and the Treasurer's report, to choose officers, and transact such other business as may come before them.

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